

# Evacuation Preparedness



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RESIDENTS REDUCING WILDFIRE RISKS

## 12 Ways to Prepare

- Sign up for alerts & warnings
- Make a plan
- Save for a rainy day
- Practice emergency drills
- Test family communication plan
- Safeguard documents
- Plan with neighbors
- Make your home safer
- Know your evacuation routes
- Assemble or update emergency supplies
- Get involved in your community
- Document & insure property

## Resources

### INTERNET SITES

- FEMA
- CAL FIRE
- Plumas County
- Ready.Gov
- BPPFD
- National Institute on Aging (NIA)

### APPS

- Watch Duty
- Ready for Wildfire
- Alert Wildfire
- My Lightning Tracker
- FEMA
- The Lookout

### IMMEDIATE EVACUATION

#### Six Ps

- People and pets
- Papers, phone numbers, important documents
- Prescriptions, vitamins, eyeglasses
- Pictures and irreplaceable memorabilia
- Personal computer, hard drive & disks, power cords
- Plastic (credit cards, ATM cards) & cash

## Ready, Set, Go!

Don't wait, get out early,  
avoid road closures.

Be independent.

Know how to save  
yourself.

### Sign up for alerts and warnings.

**Genasys Emergency Alert/Management System (GEMS) – replaced Code Red**

- Opt-in/Sign-up Local Jurisdiction

**Mobile Apps with Local Alert Functions**

- FEMA
- American Red Cross
- The Weather Channel

**Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS)**

- Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
- NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards

## Ready, Set, Go!

Prepare for the Worst!

Hope for the Best!

### Make a plan – READY.GOV

- Emergency meeting location outside fire area – pick two
- Familiarize yourself with escape routes
- Family communication plan - include out-of-area emergency contact(s)
- Evacuation plan for pets
- Learn how to turn off utilities
- Determine escape routes
- Assemble emergency supply kit (to-go bag)

### To-go Bag – Specific to you

## 10 Essentials for Your Emergency Kit

Older adults can be especially vulnerable during severe weather.

Stock your emergency kit with these essentials.

 Non-perishable food & water	 Flashlight & extra batteries	 First aid kit	 Sanitation & hygiene supplies	 Sleeping bags & warm blankets
 Communication devices	 Change of clothes & shoes	 Eyeglasses & hearing aids	 Medications & equipment	 Health information & documents

To learn more about how older adults can be prepared, visit [www.nia.nih.gov/disaster-preparedness](http://www.nia.nih.gov/disaster-preparedness).

### Family Communication Plan

- **Collect** – household information, contact info on doctors, medical facilities, out-of-area emergency POC, emergency meeting locations
- **Share** – every family member carry a copy, post central home location, use ICE
- **Practice** – regularly discuss, review, and practice
- **Remember** – mobile phone use, text may go through when call won't